

MINUTES
MARION CITY COUNCIL SPECIAL MEETING
COUNCIL CHAMBERS AT CITY HALL
TUESDAY, APRIL 28, 2020 AT 5:30 P.M.

MAYOR/COUNCILMEMBERS PRESENT:

Mayor Ashley Brady	Councilman Joseph Frazier
Mayor Pro tem Emerson Hunt	Councilwoman Tassie Lewis
Councilman Ralph Atkinson	Councilman Michael Baker
Councilman Ronald Atkinson	

STAFF PRESENT:

Alan Ammons, City Administrator	Attorney James Brogdon III
Ainsley Sanders, City Clerk	
Patricia Brown, City Treasurer	
Jackie Yates, Assistant Fire Chief	

1. MEETING CALLED TO ORDER – MAYOR ASHLEY BRADY

Mayor Ashley Brady called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m. He welcome press and citizens as well. Mayor offered his condolences to Councilwoman Tassie Lewis because her father in law passed away. Please keep her in mind and her family.

- 2. 1st Reading Ordinance 20-07 AN EMERGENCY ORDINANCE TO TEMPORARILY SUSPEND THE NORMAL OPERATING PROCEDURES OF MARION CITY COUNCIL MEETINGS AND TO AUTHORIZE THE MAYOR AND CITY ADMINISTRATOR TO DEVELOP AND ENACT A PLAN IN ORDER TO ENSURE CONTINUITY IN THE DELIVERY OF GOVERNMENT SERVICES IN LIGHT OF THE COVID-19 OUTBREAK; AND MATTERS RELATED THERETO**

A motion was made by Councilman Ralph Atkinson, seconded by Councilman Joseph Frazier to approve the Ordinance 20-07 An Emergency Ordinance to temporarily suspend the normal operating procedures of Marion City Council Meetings and to Authorize the Mayor and City Administrator to develop and enact a plan in order to ensure continuity in the delivery of Government Services in light of the COVID-19 outbreak; and matters related thereto. The motion carried.

Mayor Brady did a roll call to see who were present for the meeting.

Attorney Brogdon inserted that the extension is in the ordinance and he stated that it's up to 60 days and or until the Governor removes state of emergency. Attorney made mention for information purposes.

3. READING ON ORDINANCE 20-06 *AN EMERGENCY ORDINANCE DECLARING AND IMPOSING A DAILY CURFEW*

Mayor made mention that another Executive Order by Governor was enacted the day before the Special Council meeting where he extended it for another 15 days so in doing so we would like to extend our Ordinance that we have imposing the curfew from 10 p.m. to 6 a.m. to coincide with the Executive Order for stay at home and work only and to continue practicing social distancing. ***A motion was made by Mayor Pro Tem Emerson Hunt, seconded by Councilman Michael Baker to extend the curfew for another 15 days to on the Ordinance that has already been established by the Council also running in conjunction with the Governor's orders.*** Councilman Joseph Frazier stated that he is still against the 10 o'clock. The motion carried.

Mayor stated that our next Council meeting is May the 12th and he was thinking that we could try and have our City Council Meeting at the Shannon Wilkerson Gym. He stated that we can set the Gym up so that we can spread the tables out and the seating. He also stated that an event was up there with the Clergy and all the Council members where there. ***A motion was made by Councilman Joseph Frazier, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Emerson Hunt for our normal scheduled Council meeting be held at Shannon Wilkerson Gym.*** The motion carried.

Mayor mentioned that last time we had conference call we were experiencing some issues with our track hoe and it seems to be that we are spending more time working on it then we are working with it. That is one of the piece of equipment's that we need in order to work the landfill in order to stay in compliance with DHEC. We are sending out some bids and proposals on some equipment for a replacement track hoe. We have got one quote in on some replacement equipment and we are going to send it out for bids. This particular track hoe that we are looking at that can do what we need it to do is 175,000.00. We are going to put it out for bids and for the May 12th meeting we will come back with some recommendations for replacement track hoe. Mayor mentioned that this is one of those things we have got to have. It is a lot of money and Mayor says that he understands. Councilman Ralph Atkinson wanted to know about how many hours a month do we use the machine. Mayor replied that it varies every month. He said we may use it probably 100 hours a month and then sometimes we do stormwater projects and that makes it more hours with that. Mayor reiterated that we will come back with some proposals and

finance proposals next month for our May 12th meeting. ***A motion was made by Councilman Michael Baker, seconded by Councilman Joseph Frazier to go ahead and bid that backhoe out because it is a necessity for us to operate.*** Mayor Pro Tem Emerson Hunt stated that he is glad that we are trying to keep our equipment current because no matter what happens we have to have current equipment. He also stated that looking forward is the only thing we can do. Looking backwards will do us no good. Mayor stated that the track hoe that we have is a 1991 and we brought it used and it had a lot of hours on it when we brought it used, and the Mayor told Mayor Pro Tem Emerson Hunt that he was correct it is a lot easier to work when you have got equipment that cranks up and runs like it is supposed to run when you go to do the job. The motion carried.

4. **ADJOURNMENT**

A motion was made to adjourn by Councilman Ronald Atkinson, seconded by Councilman Michael Baker. The motion carried unanimously.

Mayor Ashley Brady

Ainsley Sanders, City Clerk
Taped: April 28, 2020